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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Bridenbaugh et al.

Application No.: 09/121,798

Filed: July 23, 1998

For: METHODS FOR PURIFYING
NUCLEIC ACIDS

Examiner: Kunz, G.

Art Unit: 1623

PETITION TO EXTEND TIME

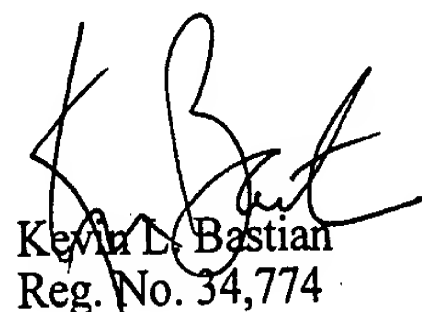
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Sir:

Applicant petitions the Assistant Commissioner of Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action mailed March 17, 1999 for three months, from June 17, 1999 to September 17, 1999. An appropriate response to the Office Action in the form of an Amendment is enclosed herewith.

Please charge the fee of \$435.00 to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 20-1430. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to the above deposit account. This petition is submitted in triplicate.

Respectfully submitted,


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